

~~SECRET~~

The Files

29 February 1960

25X1A9A

Proposed WR-1 Modifications for National Security Agency

NSA Declassification/Release instructions on File.

1. On 29 February 1960 the writer participated in a meeting between representatives of the National Security Agency and members of OC-SP/ [ ] for the purpose of discussing a contract proposal for the WR-1 modifications. Those attending were:

25X1

25X9A8  
NSA  
FOIA-3  
25X1A9A

2. Background - Liaison with NSA has been maintained for the past 12 to 18 months on the WR-1 project. NSA has received three systems for field and laboratory evaluation; the field has reported complete satisfaction, however, laboratory evaluation has resulted in NSA's request for several modifications which require considerable redesign of the system. These changes were discussed with the original design engineers [ ] and a contract proposal was received early in January 1960. This meeting was intended to stimulate more positive action toward proposal acceptance or rejection by NSA. If CIA is going to perform the redesign phase for NSA, the contracting work should be accomplished early so as not to interfere with our normal end-of-the-year CRASH projects.

25X1A5A1

3. [ ] appeared quite concerned about the high costs of engineering but seemed reassured when hearing the history of our association [ ] and reviewing the administration of a CPFF type contract with its many safeguards. [ ] appeared relieved to learn that phase I could be contracted for separately if so desired or phase I and a combination of any other phases might be accepted. The contract costs were purposely broken down to accommodate these unknowns which existed at the time the proposal was requested. [ ] appeared.

N SA

25X1

25X9A8  
NSA

~~SECRET~~

**Proposed WA-1 Modifications for National Security Agency**

4. The meeting accomplished its purpose in that agreement for or against acceptance of this proposal would be definite prior to the end of March 1960. [REDACTED]

25X1A12

25X9A8

NSA

5. [REDACTED] reaffirmed his interest in receiving information on the CR-36, 1 to 4 kmc Microwave Receiver. It is understood that communications are being exchanged at higher levels on this matter. A second meeting of this same group to finalize design concepts is scheduled in two or three weeks at Ft. Meade, Maryland.

25X1A9A

Distribution:  
R&D Subject File  
Monthly Report  
OC-SP [REDACTED]  
R&D Lab  
EP Chrono

25X1

OC-E/R&D-EP/RID:mjr (2 March 60)